

## THE SPIRIT OF VERMONT

Address of Judge Wendell P. Stafford Delivered at the Annual Dinner of the Greater Vermont Association in Montpelier July 12

State pride may be a wholesome sentiment—that depends upon the state. Men are hardly entitled to be proud of their state, as some appear to think, just because it is theirs—just because it produced them. Of course a man should be devoted to his state. A man should be devoted to his parents, because he is their son; but whether he may be proud of them depends on other things. Every state, I suppose, has something to be proud of. To the making of each there went some toiling courage, some devotion to high principle, some cheerful sacrifice for those that should come after; and of these men should be proud. But when we speak with pride of territory and population, overflowing harvests, exhaustless mines, luxurious cities, we talk like children, who are proud of clothes and toys.

What Vermont has contributed to the upbuilding of the nation has been a favorite theme. Figures have been arrayed to prove that out of all proportion to her size and wealth she has had her hand in business, in war, in studies and professions, in making and executing the laws of the nation. Her blood has made its pulse felt through all the arteries of the republic; and it is there you must look to find the greater Vermont in our first century and a quarter of statehood. We would not have had it otherwise. And yet we cannot help feeling that what Vermont would have been like if all this energy and intelligence had been kept at home. Some loss there might have been. Some never would have come to their full stature here for lack of opportunity. And here at home struggle for survival. Yankers against Yankers, would have been like it. Indeed, but when all allowances have been made, who can doubt that we should have seen here a development to challenge the attention of the world? Something like that is what we dream of for the future. The cry is no longer, "Westward Ho!" but Vermont for Vermonters. Earnest men are saying, "Here between the Bay state and the province, between the long, bright river and azure lake we will build a greater Vermont."

Greater in what? That is the question to be asked and answered whenever we are met as we are now. Greater, of course, in a fuller development of all her natural resources. We mean that every mine should give up its treasures, every quarry open its primeval corridors to the sun; that every sleeping unused resource should be awakened and put to work; our forests shall be felled; our fields shall be fed, that they in turn may feed the coming generations. We mean to be husbands and not ravishers of the land, that her fruitful womb may never know sterility. And we mean to make this labor so attractive that the children will not be lured away, as the fathers were, but turn with eager eyes and hands to the realm around their doors.

We mean to know and love the state together with the best roadways in the world—roads that feel like velvet and stand like adamant, and look like a rich brown ribbon in the shade and sun. And over these shall come seekers of health and beauty, drinking in from many landscapes the enchanted dream that makes the gaze restful until he can return.

We mean to guard with jealous care the nobility and freshness of our scenery. Here is that beauty that may be a joy forever. Here is that wealth that can never be spent but by our own stupidity.

We mean to do all that can be done from the lowest to the highest round—a ladder whose foot shall rest on the doers of the humblest cottage, while its top is in the university.

And, better still, we mean to put the whole community to school by a new application of the principle of democracy, a more complete fulfillment of the fathers' purpose—government by the people. We mean that every neighborhood shall be a civic center, every schoolhouse a forum where men and women shall gather for the discussion of the public issues. The idea that has taken hold—almost a religious hold—upon the minds of progressive men through all the mighty West.

"Make wide the doorway of the school. A new school of millions waits. The cradle of the common rule. The forum of a stronger state."

Make broad the bar, and bid appear. The questions clamorous to be tried; And let the final judges hear. Themselves the causes they decide.

Whatever channels lead apart. The currents of the lives of men, The blood that left the common heart Shall leap with common pulse again."

It has been well said that for the first hundred years of our history the emphasis was laid on freedom—hereafter it shall be laid on unity. And so "Freedom and Unity," the great legend on our shield, is both history and prophecy. We shall be united, in the years to come as we never were before, and out of common counsel we shall have a better law, and better administration of the law. We want the best wherever we can find or borrow it. In our courts we want the simplest forms of procedure consistent with the preservation of legal rights, the speediest trials that fairness can permit, the promptest decisions, provided only and always that they be well weighed. We hope to put an end to frivolous appeals and to the granting of new trials where the result was right before. We mean to make it possible for the poor to sue and to have his case tried by competent counsel, even if in such cases, the state must make a public prosecutor; and we mean to make it impossible for the richest litigant to tire his adversary out and rob him by delay.

To do all this we must have our subject matter not only to make the laws. And we shall send to Washington not necessarily those who wish to go, but those the nation will have need

## THE PUTNEY COLUMN

Lyman B. Wood.

Lyman B. Wood, 77, died in his home on the West hill road Friday morning, after being in feeble health several years.

Mr. Wood was a son of D. Parkman and Eunice (Blood) Wood and was born Aug. 29, 1839, on West hill on the farm now owned by Horace L. Scott. When the call came for volunteers during the Civil war, Mr. Wood enlisted in Company B, 10th Vermont Volunteers. On Jan. 14, 1864, he married Louise M. Allen, daughter of Ethan and Amarilla (Whitney) Allen.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Timothy Dwight, pastor of the Congregational church, whose home was in the house now owned by Dr. L. H. Bugbee, where the marriage took place. Mr. and Mrs. Wood began their home life in the little house at the four corners, West hill, which has since been burned, moving three years later to the well-known Marcus Perry place and living there until May, 1905, when they moved to their present home.

Mr. and Mrs. Wood had four children, Lilla, wife of Frank Covey of Barnardston, Mass.; Etta, Mrs. Lucius Andrews of Greenfield; Henry Wood of Putney and Cora, Mrs. Ahrens of Springfield, Mass.

Mr. Wood was a lifelong resident of this town and a respected citizen. The funeral was held at the house Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock, Rev. R. B. Davis officiating, and the burial took place in the old family burying ground on West hill. The bearers were Mr. Andrews, Mr. Ahrens, Will Wood and Benjamin Wood. The children and their husbands and wives were all present, also the grandchildren with two exceptions.

Russell Braley, who is ill with jaundice, remains about the same.

Miss Sybil Williams of Springfield, Mass., is a guest of Miss Hazel Townsend.

Miss Winifred Bugbee is a guest in the home of her brother, Harold Bugbee.

Rev. A. F. Trice, a former pastor of the Baptist church here, is visiting in town.

There will be a service in the West hill schoolhouse Sunday at 3 p. m., in charge of Rev. R. B. Davis.

The appointment of George W. Beauregard as postmaster at East Putney is announced by the postoffice department.

Automobiles and the traveling public in general enjoy crossing the new bridge over Sackett's brook in this village, which was opened for travel Saturday.

Miss Jennie Crawford went Friday night to the Melrose hospital in West Brattleboro to undergo a minor operation. Her sister, Miss Minnie Crawford, visited her Sunday and found her comfortable.

First Baptist church, R. B. Davis pastor. Preaching at 10:45. Subject: The Brook in the Way; 1 p. m. Bible school; 7 p. m. How Missions are Blessing Our Nation. A cordial invitation to all services.

Miss Florence and Adrian Allen, who left here to visit in Jamaica, have returned and are with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Howard, before returning to their home in Northampton, Mass.

Mrs. Annie Farley Stafford of Minneapolis and her son, Philip, came Saturday night, leaving Monday for Keene, N. H., to visit Mrs. A. J. Ayer, accompanied by Miss Katherine Booth, whose guest she was during her stay in town.

Mrs. Flora P. Cole recently visited her brother, John Blood, in Alstead, N. H. Mr. Blood while lying was thrown from a load and struck on his head and back of his neck, injured his spine so he is paralyzed. He is in a critical condition.

Madam Bradley, Mrs. L. C. Bradley and son, L. C. Bradley, jr., went Thursday to Lake Pleasant, their summer home, where Madam Bradley and Buster will remain until school opens.

A. L. Howard has been ill since Friday with grip and blood poisoning. While laying his hand was pierced with a pitchfork and the wound became infected, but soon healed, while a sore on his leg where he was kicked by a horse last winter became infected and did not heal.

Rev. T. J. Poelman of Boston who supplied the pulpit of the Congregational church last Sunday morning and evening, made a favorable impression and will again preach next Sunday here and in East Putney at Pierce's hall at 2:30 p. m. All are cordially invited to hear him.

Tommy, a bulldog owned by Harold Bugbee, was badly injured by an automobile running over him Sunday afternoon. He was chloroformed later by Dr. Hazen. He was coming out of the barn at Warren Wilbur's and as he turned to see if Mr. Wilbur was coming he was caught by the automobile.

Rev. E. W. Sharp, district superintendent, will preach in the Methodist church in Putney next Sunday morning at 10:30. All the members and former friends of the church are expected to be present. Inasmuch as there are but two or three services in this church each year it is hoped that there will be a large congregation Sunday.

The funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Richards, widow of Dennis Richards, was held in the home of E. E. Knight, Rev. R. B. Davis officiating. The children were all present, Mrs. Della Davis of Northfield, Mass.; Mrs. Anna Wilcox and Miss Lucy Richards of Lebanon, N. H.; Stanley Richards of Bethel, Mrs. Augusta Hazen of Hartford and Edmund Richards of Springfield, Mass., and the children of the daughter, Mrs. Alice Evans, who died in Dummerston several years ago.

Excursion to Missisquoi Park, July 30, see adv. on page 7.

According to the scientists, a bee, weight for weight, is at least thirty times as strong as a horse.

The nearest approach to perpetual motion is the talk of people who spout hot air, which seems to serve as motive power for their vocal organs.

## WESTMINSTER.

Mrs. H. L. Hall spent Sunday in Chester.

Miss Almira Burwell is visiting in Shoreham, Vt.

Edward Lang has returned to Wilimansett, Mass.

George Holden of Winham is spending a week at C. L. Fuller's.

Everett Hall has gone to Springfield, Mass., where he has employment.

Edward Ashwell of Springfield, Mass., visited at Thomas Ashwell's recently.

Mrs. Hugh Miller visited at Mrs. Harry Comstock's the first of the week.

Gen. H. C. Dwight of Hartford, Conn., was a week-end visitor with Mrs. J. D. Judd.

Miss Ellen Miller has been spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bemis.

Penwick Miller came from Walpole Tuesday to stay a few days at Arthur Bemis's.

Judge Daniel Kellogg of Pasadena, Cal., is a guest of his daughter, Mrs. George C. Wright.

Mrs. E. J. Estey of Bellows Falls was a guest at Mrs. L. A. Pierce's the first of the week.

Mrs. Augusta Busber and daughter, Anna, of Hartford, Conn., are guests at Mrs. J. D. Judd's.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Cadworth of South Londonderry were recent guests at G. H. Walker's.

Miss Cora Pickett of Hillsdale, Mich., is spending a few days at Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Pierce's.

Mrs. Joseph Hayes and daughter, Helen, of Peppercell, Mass., are guests at Mrs. Mary Johnson's.

Mrs. G. D. Richardson, after spending a day in town, returned to her home in Westminster, Mass., Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Adams of Keene were guests at Mr. and Mrs. Walter Johnson's the first of the week.

Mrs. Dora Pierce and two sons, Harvey and Walter, of Framingham, Mass., are guests at Mrs. Fred Pierce's.

Mr. and Mrs. George Buehner and daughter, Jean, and George, jr., returned Tuesday from a trip up the Hudson.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Davis returned from Townsend Sunday, bringing their little daughter, Freda, with them.

Mr. and Mrs. George Battie and Mrs. Perkins of Worcester, Mass., were week-end visitors with Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Walker.

It is expected that Rev. Mr. Kelley of Belchertown, Mass., will occupy the pulpit next Sunday. Mr. Kelly comes as a candidate.

Mrs. Sarah Willard, who had been a guest of Mrs. George Wilkins two weeks, returned to her home in Athol, Mass., Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Roudy and two daughters of Worcester, Mass., and Miss Eva Bates of Charlestown, N. H., are guests at Simon Albee's.

The home of Edward Farmer, situated on the back road to Bellows Falls, was burned to the ground late in the afternoon Tuesday. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Rev. A. E. Ward left this week Tuesday for his new parish in Jonesport, Maine. Mrs. Ward will spend a few days with her sister, Mrs. Andrew Kirkwood, in Brattleboro, before going to her new home.

Mr. and Mrs. George Rockwood of Somerville, Mass., were guests at Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Wright's from Friday to Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Rockwood and Miss Nellie Wright returned to Boston Monday by automobile.

Mr. E. C. Wellman estimates his loss by fire at \$10,000. At the Grange meeting last Friday evening a handsome gift of money or its equivalent was presented Mr. Wellman in behalf of the members of the Grange.

Luther Neiman and Miss Margaret Pegg of White Plains, N. Y., came Saturday for an outing at Kamp Kozy.

Miss Florence Fitts of Brattleboro and Miss Florence Ford of New York city came Monday to the Bettyerly homestead to stay two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard S. Wellman and children and Miss Blanche Farwell returned to their home in Brattleboro Saturday, after a vacation of two weeks at the Bettyerly homestead.

Clifford Stockwell, who had been at Deer Haunt, N. Y., was at Mrs. Stockwell's on Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Myrta Mills went the same day to Northfield, Mass., to attend the conference a week. They will return to Deer Haunt.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Wright returned to their home in Ohio Saturday, after an outing at Deer Haunt. R. P. Mills and family returned Friday to their home in Mount Vernon, N. Y., by automobile. They had occupied Deer Haunt a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen and daughter, Alexandra, and Miss Edith and Miss Effie Southwell of Holyoke came Saturday to spend a few days at the Bettyerly homestead. Mr. and Mrs. Allen returned home Tuesday, but the young women will remain for an outing of two weeks.

The meeting at the tabernacle at the lake was attended by about 50 persons last Sunday. On Sunday, July 30, Rev. C. W. Mock, pastor of the Congregational church of Newfane, will preach at 3 o'clock, and it is hoped that a large number will be present.

WEST DUMMERSTON.

Mrs. Mary Hoyt of Greenfield, Mass., is a guest of Miss Maude Taft.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Butterfield are visiting relatives at Brattleboro a few days.

Henry Colburn of Springfield, Mass., was a guest recently of his aunt, Mrs. Myron Goodell.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred S. Rogers of Springfield, Mass., are spending the week with her mother, Mrs. P. Connors.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Halladay of West Brattleboro visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Norcross, Tuesday.

Mrs. Charles Wilson is spending a two-weeks' vacation at Lake Pleasant. Mrs. Leroy Wilder and little son are staying with Mr. Wilson at the farm.

At the regular Grange meeting Tuesday evening it was planned to hold children's night August 8. There will be an entertainment and refreshments, also a social hour.

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## WESTMINSTER WEST.

### Enjoyable Program Presented.

The entertainment given Tuesday evening by the Junior Christian Endeavor society in the town hall was well attended and the program was excellent. The two short plays, "The Minister's Call" and "A Busy Day," for which the cast of characters was published last week, were well given by the children and the local hits were much enjoyed.

A miscellaneous program given before and between the plays was as follows: Piano solo, Beatrice Harlow; recitation in German, Philip Hall; song, Margaret Cole; tableau, Arthur and Albert Ramey; piano solo, Pauline Harlow; recitation, Elizabeth Minard; piano solo, Doris Chapman; song, Elizabeth Harlow, Doris Chapin and Pauline Harlow; recitation, Grace Harlow. The latter was a surprise and a rare treat.

Grace Harlow, who is visiting here from Cambridge, Mass., was studied, down to a year and although only 13 years of age her recitations would have done credit to a professional of mature years.

The children all seemed to be at their best and much credit is due Mrs. Clinton McElroy, who had charge of the affair. About \$10 was cleared, part of which will be used to defray the expense of judges who come from out of town for the Wilcox fund reading and spelling contest. The remainder will be used for the general expenses of the society.

Mrs. Fred Harlow of Malden, Mass., came last week to visit her mother, Hugh Goodell.

Miss Hattie Grub and Grace Harlow of Cambridge, Mass., are guests of Mrs. Mary Harlow.

Rev. George Brimacombe of Revere, Mass., who is visiting Rev. and Mrs. Walter Curtis, will preach next Sunday morning.

Mrs. Grace Perry and daughters, Miss Edna Fuller and Pauline Perry, who had been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Bell, returned home last week.

Mrs. George Campbell of Schenectady, N. Y., who was visiting here, was called to Newburgh, N. Y., Monday on account of the serious illness of her mother.

Col. John E. Piddock of Saxtons River went to Brandon Thursday of last week to attend a directors' meeting of the new home for feeble-minded children. He took with him as guests for an automobile ride, Fred Campbell, Mrs. George Campbell and Miss Mary Campbell.

Roland Chapman and his sisters-in-law, Mrs. Fred Harlow, who is here from Malden, Mass. and Mrs. George Hubbard and two children, who are visiting here from Red Hook, N. Y., Doris Chapman and her cousin, Alice Gould, who has been visiting her from Windsor, all went to Windsor Sunday in Mr. Chapman's automobile to visit Mr. and Mrs. George Gould.

## WILMINGTON.

### Cut Foot on a Saw.

George LaBrique, 40, an employee of the Ludington Woodmenware company, was taken to the North Adams hospital one day this week, suffering from a bad cut on one foot, received when he stepped on a saw. Dr. Allen H. Wright took him to the hospital.

## MARLBORO.

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Howe have friends with them at their farm this week. George Watson, who has been in Guilford several weeks, was home over Sunday.

Miss R. Dalrymple of New York was a guest of Mrs. E. P. and Mrs. P. L. Adams recently.

H. C. Warnock spent the week-end with his family at the Poplars. He was accompanied by relatives and friends. Mrs. Margaret Miles of New Haven, Conn., is with Prof. L. R. Paton at Edge wood a few weeks. Miss Miles is a daughter of Rev. H. R. Miles, formerly of Brattleboro.

## RECRUITING OFFICE OPENED.

Recruits Sought at Middlebury for Vermont Infantry.

A recruiting office for the 1st Vermont infantry was opened Wednesday in Middlebury by Lieut. R. L. Knowlton of Brattleboro. He was accompanied by Sergt. W. A. Upham, Corp. J. F. Longhild and Private J. D. Barker, all members of the 1st Vermont cavalry, who have been in camp at Fort Ethan Allen.

This office is one of three located within the state by order of the war department to recruit the 1st infantry to full war strength. At present the 1st infantry needs over 1,000 men to bring it up to the standard set forth by the war department. By this order, the age limits are 18 and 35 years. Physical examinations will be given all applicants and those passing will be properly enlisted and forwarded to the mobilization camp at Fort Ethan Allen.

At present there are about 300 members of the 1st infantry in camp at Fort Ethan Allen and it is expected that they will leave shortly for the border.

## BELLOWS FALLS NEWS.

### HETTY GREEN'S WILL PROBATED

Estimated that Estate Amounts to \$100,000,000—No Contest.

The will of Mrs. Hetty Green was admitted to probate here Saturday and the full text of it, as given out by the court, reveals the fact that previously published summaries of the document contained all of its important points and provisions.

Mrs. Green bequeathed nothing to charities or public institutions. The only sums provided for any one outside the family are \$5,000 to Mrs. Herbert P. Bancroft of Bellows Falls, \$10,000 to Amory A. Lawrence of Boston, \$5,000 to Ruth Lawrence of New York, and \$5,000 to Mrs. Green's son-in-law, Matthew Astor Wilks.

There is no inventory of the estate, and the will gives no clue to the extent or value of it. In fact, the will specifically sets forth that the trustees, Col. Edward H. R. Green and Mrs. Wilks, the son and daughter of Mrs. Green, shall not be required to file an inventory or appraisal of the estate.

The will was probated without contest. Col. Green filed a bond for \$50,000 as trustee for the fund left to his sister, Edward L. Walker and Charles E. Capron of Bellows Falls were appointed commissioners of the estate, and Mr. Walker will also act as agent of service.

Col. Green's attorney, Charles W. Pierson of New York, said he expected action by the state of New York to obtain, if possible, an inheritance tax on the estate, although Mrs. Green claimed a legal residence here. The state of Vermont collects no inheritance tax on estate willed from parents to children.

It was estimated in legal circles here tonight that Mrs. Green left approximately \$100,000,000.

Col. Green is now sole executor of the estate, since it was announced that his sister, Mrs. Matthew Astor Wilks, had declined formally to act as executrix with him as directed by the will.

Charles W. Pierson of New York, representing Mrs. Green's son, Col. Edward H. R. Green, agreed upon a tentative administration fee of \$20,000 to be paid to the state, and it is considered that this fee is an indication of the total value of the estate on the basis of fee percentages as usually figured.

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